

November 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

October 29, 2025

Dear Members of Morning Star Lutheran Church:

For nearly twelve years, Simone Weber has been a dedicated member of our staff and contributed much to our congregation's music ministry. During this time, she has served faithfully, helping to lead our Praise Team, serve as an accompanist, and assist in the planning of worship.

As you know, Simone also serves as CEO of Table Grace Ministries where she and her husband, Matt, share their musical and hospitality gifts in outreach to the downtown Omaha community. Table Grace has been an integral part of Morning Star's outreach and mission, providing our congregation with opportunities to partner with and generously support their mission.

Simone has recently made me aware that she desires to focus more of her time with her family's ministry at Table Grace. Thus, Simone has submitted her resignation as a music minister at Morning Star. This will enable her to be available to the growing demands and opportunities for this ministry. Simone's final day with us will be in worship on Sunday, November 9.

Please join me in thanking Simone for her ministry with us that day! We are grateful for the gifts she has shared while helping to share the Gospel and lead music for many worship services. I am especially thankful to Simone for her support during the challenging times of the pandemic as well as the worship transitions during our Enlighten Project.

Please know, how very grateful and proud I am of our congregation for its terrific support of Simone and Table Grace Ministries through the years. Over the past decade, Morning Star and its membership have contributed, through your generous gifts and other support, just shy of \$70,000 to their mission of feeding hungry body and souls. This includes a recent 2025 distribution from Morning Star's Endowment in the amount of \$2,000. Thank you very much for helping to make a difference in this regard.

Our prayers of thanksgiving and encouragement go with Simone as we wish her godspeed.

Your Partner in Ministry,

Pr. Chris



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Worship Times

Saturday Worship 5:30 PM
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 AM - 4 PM
Friday 8 AM - 1 PM

Closed Major Holidays

Staff

Christopher Hawkins, Lead Pastor
Susie Syx, Director of Administrative Ministries
Simone Weber, Music Minister
Rick Jacobi, Music Minister
James Creason, Facilities Manager

Morning Star is connected to the worldwide mission of the Church through the West Metro Cluster of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.



Trunk or Treat 2025



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to be a sponsor, contact the Church Office. Thank you to **Piccolo Florists** for providing our Altar Flowers at a reduced rate.

Flower Sponsors

Bulletin Sponsors

DATE	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
Nov. 2	James & Shaila Clark	Mark Carnevalo	AVAILABLE
Nov. 9	Rod & Cindy Anderson	Ruth & Virgil Johnson	AVAILABLE
Nov. 16	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Nov. 23	Susie Syx	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Nov. 30	Mark Carnevalo	Mark Carnevalo	AVAILABLE

The cost of the Altar Flowers is \$45 per arrangement. Bulletin sponsorships are \$30 per week. Thank you for continuing to sponsor the beautiful flowers that adorn our altar. We are collecting the containers the flowers come in for a hopeful discount. Please return to the Church Office if you are able.



Crossroads is a prison ministry that serves those who are incarcerated. They help individuals and their families transition back into society. Crossroads Connection Worship Service will be held at Morning Star on Sunday, November 16 at 4 PM. In addition to the worship service, we will provide a meal for those in the Crossroads program and their families who are invited to attend. If you would like to help serve, contact Pam Chelesvig at 402-850-0914.



Nebraska Brass Concert
Sunday, November 9 ~ 2 PM
at Morning Star Lutheran Church

Founded in 1987, the Nebraska Brass is one of the Midwest's most popular brass quintets and recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary Season. Audiences young and old enjoy serious musicianship and light-hearted humor as the group presents a variety of music ranging from classical to popular, Dixieland, and jazz. In addition to their performing schedules, members of the Nebraska Brass are experienced as educators in Nebraska and Iowa public schools and Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of a Morning Star member, there will no longer be a ticket cost associated with this concert. All ticket costs are being covered.



Children's Message with Pastor Chris



Pick up your Morning Star ornament commemorating the Enlighten Dedication at the Worship Center!

Preschool & Third Grade

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Third Grade & Preschool bibles will be presented to those who haven't received theirs on Sunday, November 23 during worship. Contact the Church Office if you would like to receive a Bible that day.



If you have pastoral care needs, please contact the Church Office to notify our pastoral staff.

FAITH



FORMATION

Hey Parents & Families!

Join Pastor Chris for a discussion on
Sunday, November 9th
immediately following
worship to talk about the
future of Faith Formation
at Morning Star!

Lunch Provided!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

November Green Envelope

Project Harmony is the place where healing begins, providing effective, immediate and sensitive support to children and caregivers who have experienced trauma. Child abuse is a fact in our community, discriminating against no one and impacting thousands of lives each year. Boldly focused on ending this cycle, Project Harmony has reimagined how communities can come together — leveraging resources to respond to, treat and ultimately prevent child abuse. Project Harmony's nationally recognized, collaborative, child-focused approach works to ensure children are not further victimized by the systems intended to protect them. They have brought multiple agencies working in these systems together into one place — where they can coordinate and communicate most effectively and tackle child abuse as a team. Together, we help protect and support the most vulnerable among us — restoring courage, facilitating healing and empowering community members to be someone in the life of a child.



Al-Anon meets at Morning Star on Wednesdays at Noon.



We ALWAYS need help with Communion, scripture reading & ushering. Contact the Church Office to find out how you can help!



Omaha New Hope Chapter DBSA

The DBSA (Depression, BiPolar Support Alliance) meets at Morning Star Thursdays at 7^{PM}. This meeting is open to anyone in need!

Alcoholics Anonymous is open to all! Groups that meet at Morning Star are:

Tuesdays at 5:30^{PM}

Tuesdays at 8^{PM}

Wednesdays at 5:30^{PM} ~Women



November Worship Assistants

Sunday, November 2

Comm: Betty Fiddelke, Sarah Lieske & Donna Walter
Reader: Donna Walter
Usher: Dean Mathisen & Jim McGill
Acolyte: Nina & Michael Lierler
Altar: Diane Meyer

Sunday, November 9

Comm: Rod Anderson, Bob & Lauren Gilmore
Reader: Lauren Gilmore
Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn
Acolyte: Anna Moeller & Quinn Warner
Altar: Lauren Gilmore

Sunday, November 16

Comm: Kim Hawkins, Dave & Lynn Blagg
Reader: Kim Hawkins
Usher: Mark Carnevalo & Dean Mathisen
Acolyte: Bryce & Grace Peterson
Altar: Lynn Blagg

Sunday, November 23

Comm: Kyle & Arielle Wolfe, Mark Carnevalo
Reader: Kyle Wolfe
Usher: Brian & Bryce Peterson
Acolyte: Alexandra Weber & Luke Lieske
Altar: Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish

Wednesday, November 26

Comm: Angie Hawkins, Jerry & Ann Dieckgrafe
Reader: Jerry Dieckgrafe
Usher: Jim McGill & _____
Acolyte: Charlie & Will Beck
Altar: Susie Syx

Sunday, November 30

Comm: Susie Syx, Todd & Jill Moeller
Reader: Gloria Miller
Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn
Acolyte: Zach & Josh Bowman
Altar: Angie Hawkins





*From mustard seed faith to bold hope,
God's people grow in gratitude and generosity.*

To Celebrate Our Light at Morning Star Lutheran Church, I intend to give:

- ☐ \$_____ to be given weekly **OR**
☐ \$_____ to be given monthly **OR**
☐ \$_____ to be given in total for the year on _____

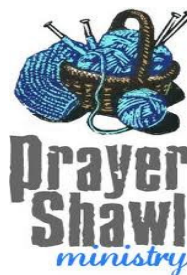
Nam _____ Env # _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Sign/Dated _____

(I understand that this plan can be changed by notifying the church office.)

- ☐ Begin this new level of generosity starting **now** instead of January!
☐ This commitment is an increase in generosity!
☐ I am interested in including Morning Star in my estate plans!
☐ Set this gift up for automatic giving ~ form enclosed
(My signature authorizes the church to adjust our current automatic giving level to reflect this new intent beginning _____)



We need help setting out donuts & coffee. It's a pretty easy gig and everyone **LOVES** the donut person! Contact Marguerite Diane or Jan if you can help!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides handcrafted blankets given to those that need comfort. Prayers for peace and healing are prayed over each one as they are made. Contact the Church Office to pick one up.

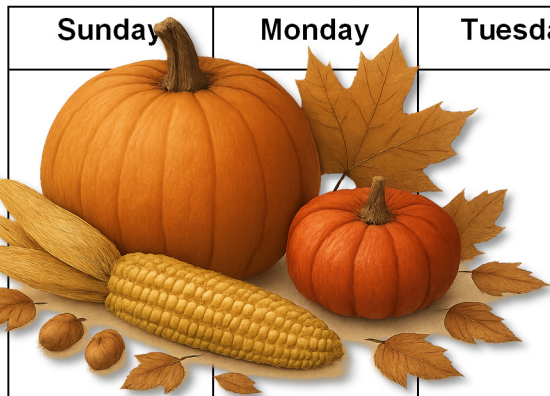
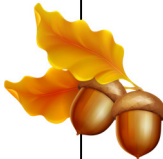
Morning Star's Annual *Thanksgiving Eve Service* & Pie Supper

Wednesday, November 26
 6 PM

*The Church Council is providing pie
 & coffee for our fellowship
 after worship!*



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9 Quilting Group 5:30 Worship
2 10 Worship 	3	4 5 Exec Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	5 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only	6 7 DBSA 	7	8 5:30 Worship
9 10 Worship 11:15 Faith Formation Meeting 2 Nebraska Brass Concert 	10 5 Enlighten Team Meeting 6:30 Church Council	11 5 Exec Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2 	12 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 2 Swanson Fire Drill 5:30 AA Women Only 6:30 Confirmation	13 7 DBSA	14	15 5:30 Worship
16 10 Worship 4 Crossroads Connections Service 	17 	18 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	19 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 5:30 Faith Partner's 6:30 Confirmation	20 7 DBSA	21	22 5:30 Worship
23 10 Worship	24 9 Piano Tuning 5 Outreach Planning Meeting	25 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	26 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 6 Thanksgiving Eve Service 	27 7 DBSA 	28	29 5:30 Worship 
30 10 Worship				Church Offices Closed		



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Address Correction Requested



*The Church Office will be
closed Thursday & Friday,
November 27 & 28*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary in the monthly newsletter, contact the Church Office as we do not have it in our records. Thanks!



November Anniversaries

James & Shaila	Clark	11/04
Les & Norma	Rygg	11/05
Jeremy & Jennifer	Groen	11/09
Jerry & Ann	Dieckgrafe	11/11
Al & Tricia	Wise	11/17
Steve & Margie	Bross	11/17
Denny & Kim	Moy	11/22

November Birthdays

Lindsay	Bowley	11/01	Jill	Moeller	11/08	Madison	Hassler	11/21
Charlotte	Hines	11/01	Rogan	Maxwell	11/09	Ramona	Klaasmeyer	11/21
Nancy	Darst	11/03	Bert	Wise	11/09	Oliver	Niewohner	11/23
Gloria	Miller	11/03	Brooke	Wiebers	11/11	James	Clark	11/24
Betty	Fiddelke	11/04	Claire	Hines	11/12	Dan	Charf	11/26
Joyce	Green	11/04	Jeni	Rogers	11/12	Roger	Hass	11/26
Shari	Page	11/04	Cindy	Anderson	11/14	Kim	Hawkins	11/29
Scott	Warner	11/06	Annalise	Nore	11/14	Carol	Smith	11/30
Neil	Lindquist	11/07	James	Creason	11/19			
Sandra	Byers	11/08	Greta	Longley	11/19			

